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BUILDING LOCATIONS DISCUSSED

Many Sites Are Considered by Citizens.

ARGUMENTS ON ALL SIDES HEARD

No Decision Reached or Vote Taken But Later Meetings Will Be Held.

Just what site may be chosen by the committee appointed by Governor Dole as the proper one to recommend to Commissioner Eustis as the best one for a public building is as much in the air now as ever, although for two hours a representative meeting of citizens talked over the locations which have been proposed. There was a decided advocacy of the present site, the petitioners against removal being represented by an attorney, but as well there was a feeling that the city had outgrown the cramped quarters there, and that a new location, where there might be adornment of the structure and surroundings, would be more indicative of progress.

A new element was introduced into the discussion by the proposal that the present site be used and a connection had with the plot of ground on the other side of Bethel, or an annex made there for the handling of certain classes of matter. This was not regarded seriously by anyone, however. The element of humor was injected when E. S. Cunha proposed, after the Hopper homestead had been suggested, that Thomas square be taken, as that would give ample room for parking about the structure. Two site which had been considered were practically out of it, one entirely. In the case of the Allen property in King street, between Alakea and Richards, the committee reported that Mr. Allen would not consider any suggestion for its sale. In the case of the Irwin land, the absence of Mr. Irwin made it impossible to receive any proposition, and the best would be the submission of a proposal to Mr. Irwin at the Coast by Mr. Giffard.

When the meeting had been called to order George R. Carter began the business by suggesting that the citizens present be given power to vote with the members of the committee. Lorin Andrews said that he, with others, could not be bound by any decision if other than what they thought wise, and as others, George Markham included, seemed to have the same opinion, the matter was dropped and the hearing of the report of committees on the various sites was the order of the hour.

A. Gartley reported upon the Gore lot. He said that there were many owners and lessees. The Bishop estate, owning the small end of the plot, would make a proposition later; Wolters valued the Occidental Hotel property at \$50,000; the Austin estate would have the matter referred to the heirs at Boston; the Meek estate would want a fair valuation; C. M. Cooke was ready to take the same kind of a price for his plot; and P. C. Jones has not been seen by the committee, owing to his illness; the Hawaiian Electric Company, as well, could act only through its board, and a meeting could not be held so quickly.

BISHOP STREET SITE.

Mr. L. A. Thurston, for the committee on the Bishop estate property, made the following report and read the letter annexed, giving the price on the Gore frontage as well:

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 11, 1902.
To the Committee on Recommendation of Site for Federal Buildings.
Gentlemen: Your Sub-Committee to whom was referred the subject of obtaining information concerning the availability of a proposed site for a

Federal Building at the corner of King street and Bishop street, report as follows:

(1) That the said lot is owned by the Trustees under the Will of Bernice Pauahi Bishop.

(2) That the said lot has a frontage on King street of 195 feet; that it has a frontage on Bishop street of 440 feet.

(3) That a portion of the same, nearly rectangular in shape, at the makai end of the lot, has a frontage on King street of 195 feet, a depth at the west end of 153 feet, and a frontage on Bishop street of 143 feet, and contains an area of 27,740 square feet.

This last described portion of the lot would appear to be better suited for the purposes of a Federal Building than the entire lot, the remaining portion of the lot facing on Bishop street having an average depth of only ninety feet. At the same time if additional land from the ninety feet strip indicated is desired it is available.

(4) The entire lot above referred to is clear of incumbrances, except two small leaseholds on King street at the west corner adjoining the McIntyre Block. One of these having a frontage of approximately thirty-five feet on King street and a depth of approximately fifty-five feet is under lease to the Bulletin Company until July 1st, 1910, or approximately a term of seven and one-half years to run.

Next east of the Bulletin lease there is a leasehold with approximately a frontage of thirty-three feet and an approximate depth of fifty-four feet, which lease expires April, 1903.

The second leasehold referred to having practically expired need not be taken into consideration.

As to the Bulletin leasehold, your committee has not yet ascertained their disposition in regard to disposing of their leasehold; but as we have been given to understand that the United States Government requires a clear space of approximately thirty feet around its buildings, the Bulletin leasehold need interpose no obstacle to the site in question, as it has only a frontage of thirty-five feet and has but a short term to run, at the expiration of which the building could be removed, leaving the required open space on that side.

(5) The Bishop Estate offer to sell the whole or any part of the lot in question, for the purposes of a Federal Building, at the rate of \$4.00 per square foot. The price at this rate, of the rectangular lot on the corner of King and Bishop streets, having a frontage of 195 feet on King street and 143 feet on Bishop street would be \$110,960.00.

The Bishop Estate offers as an alternative to selling the said lot for cash, for the said sum, to exchange the same with the Territorial Government for other land, to be agreed upon, of an equivalent value.

Your Committee are informed that other lands in this vicinity have recently been sold at a higher value per square foot than that asked by the Bishop Estate.

Your Committee submit herewith a diagram of the lot in question, showing the entire block and the surrounding blocks; also a copy of the Bishop Estate reply to the Committee's request for information.

We remain,
Yours obedient servants,
L. A. THURSTON.

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands,
December 11th, 1902.

Mr. L. A. Thurston, Chairman of Committee on Site of Federal Building,
Honolulu.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Trustees of the Estate of B. P. Bishop, I beg to advise that at a special meeting of the said Board of Trustees, held this morning, it was voted to offer you as chairman aforesaid, either or both of the following parcels of land, for sale in fee to the Federal Government as a site for a Federal building, upon the following terms and conditions: to wit:

First. That certain triangular lot or parcel of land fronting on Merchant, Richards and King streets, this City, containing an area of approximately 13,300 square feet, at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents per square foot, or a total of Forty-six Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$46,550);

Second.—That certain lot situate on King and Bishop streets, this City, having a frontage of 195 feet on King street and 143 feet on Bishop street, containing an approximate area of 27,740 square feet, at the rate of four dollars per square foot, or a total of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$110,800);

If preferable to the Federal Government the Trustees will accept in exchange public land of equivalent value for the whole or part of the price of either or both of the aforesaid parcels of land, location, etc., to be subject to mutual agreement.

In regard to the land on Bishop street the Trustees of this Estate are agreeable to the disposal upon like conditions to the above of any additional portion remaining to this Estate, at the same rate and upon the same terms as that above specified, namely, at the rate of Four Dollars per square foot.

The purchaser to settle with tenants on the Bishop street lot; the Merchant street lot being vacant.

All costs of whatsoever nature in connection with the above proposed transfer of properties to be borne by the purchaser.

These offers subject to acceptance within a reasonable period from date.

E. T. WINANT,

For Secretary, Estate B. P. Bishop.

F. W. Macfarlane reported that the Allen property was not in the market, and laid the Hopper property before the meeting, saying that it contained approximately 20,000 square feet, fronting 166 on King, 105 on Punchbowl, 144 on Likelike and 167 on the school

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WILL CELEBRATE CABLE OPENING

Business Men Plan Holiday With Great Meeting and Many Features.

First Messages Will Be Exchanged Between President and Governor, Followed by Many Business Men's Greetings.

According to the best calculations of the cable men the ship Silvertown is now laying the cable between San Francisco and Honolulu. The cable steamer should have arrived at the Coast end of the long journey from London on Saturday last, and, while nothing is known of the condition of the vessel, according to the expectations not more than five days should have elapsed between arrival and departure on the cruise which will bring Hawaii into touch with the outside world.

Meanwhile plans for celebrating the arrival of the copper bond of communication are being made by committees of the local trade bodies, and the day will be fittingly celebrated when the shore end of the cable and the deep sea strand has been joined and the tests made which will show the completeness of the line. The committee of the Merchants' Association, consisting of George W. Smith, F. M. Wakefield and G. F. Bush, spent yesterday in looking over the ground preparatory to making up a program, which will be completed today and communicated by the mail of the Peru to the Coast trade bodies for their concurrence.

The business men of the Coast metropolis have suggested that the event be celebrated by the holding of a banquet.

MYSTIC SHRINE NOBLES WILL TREAD HOT SANDS TOMORROW

Aloha Temple Has Made Ready for a Dizzy Time and Will Introduce New Torture Paraphernalia Arriving on Peru.

"Hold on to the rope."

Across the wind-swept sands of Oahu a strange caravan will slowly wend its way tomorrow evening to the Masonic Temple, located in the Oasis of Honolulu, Desert of the Hawaiian Islands. In the caravan will be the members of the mysterious order of Mystic Shriners, and there will be at their head the potentate, rabbans, priests, guides, alchemists and a long line of nobles. Upon arrival within the sacred precincts of the temple the Mystic Shriners will commence their third ceremonial session.

In the itinerary of Aloha Temple, just issued for the grand occasion, is the following key to the situation:

"Aloha Temple, A. A. C. N. M. S., will convene in extraordinary session for the special purpose of celebrating the memory of Loqmanoo'l-Hakeen (Loqman the Wise), the Arabian writer of fables and proverbs. Was called the philosopher by some and prophet by others. Became infatuated with Helen of Troy during a visit to Greece, but did not meet with favor in the eyes of Helen, who sent him home with his front teeth looking like a garden fence with the gate open. Arriving in Arabia, Loqman organized the Greek Letter Society. 'Yucan Searchme Ipsilon,' in remembrance of his trip to Athens. During the initiation Loq, by mistake, received a severe jolt from the pile driver and expired. The funeral was conducted with much oriental pomp and ceremony, with the following distinguished noblemen acting as escort to the remains: Sir E. R. A. Peach, Sir J. C. Pott, Sir Roy L. Flush, Sir Wright Init, Sir Yell. O. Kidd, Sir Almighty I. Dollar. Those who celebrated Loq's memory are promised a credit of 700 years this side of Al-Hootam."

"Es Selamu Aleikum. Oh, yes! Oh, yes!! Oh, yes!!! Get next, and your

heart will be gladdened if you appear at Aloha Temple, Desert of Hawaiian Islands, on Saturday evening where the nobility of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will present the glad hand and the means for a dizzy time.

"You are hereby notified that an attempt will be made at this session to extract the bacillus of dull care and that tired feeling from a number of wild and woolly unregenerated sons who are without the gates. Therefore, every son of Arabia, come qualified with 1902 credentials, for our recorder (like the wahine with the scales) is blind and goes on the sense of touch only. The costume de rigueur is dress suit and fez, and the class motto is 'Soc et tuem.' The importation of Arabic tortures is due to arrive by the steamship Peru from the Orient, and will be duly examined and commissioned by the President of the Senate. You hear? Sure, kela!"

"(Signed) ANDREW BROWN,

"Illustrious Potentate."

"J. G. Rothwell,

"Illustrious Recorder."

"Visiting Nobles provided with passports, are cordially invited to attend the solemn ceremonies and luncheon, and hear our Potentate render the touching ballad entitled, 'Father, Dear Father, Come Home from the Shrine.'"

"Official Divan, 1902."

"Illustrious Potentate, Andrew Brown; Chief Rabban, F. J. Amweg; Assistant Rabban, Mannie Phillips; High Priest, B. G. Holt; Oriental Guide, H. C. Morton; Treasurer, J. G. Pratt; Recorder, J. G. Rothwell; Representative of the Imperial Council, A. B. Wood; Trustees, A. Brown, J. G. Rothwell, J. D. Tucker; First Ceremonial Master, M. E. Grossman; Second Ceremonial Master, C. L. Crabbe; Director, E. C. Brown; Marshal, J. O. Luttig; Captain of Guard, J. W. Francis; Outer Guard, J. D. Tucker; Alchemists, S. L. Rumsey, H. C. Pfleger."

Hold on to the rope!

be that of President Roosevelt, which will be addressed to Governor Dole, and this will be followed immediately by a response from the Governor to the President. It is expected that messages from the President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to the President or Vice President of the local chamber will follow, and these will be succeeded by an exchange of greetings between the Presidents of the Merchants' Associations of the two cities. After this formal greeting there will be messages from the leading houses and citizens to their friends and correspondents in San Francisco and New York, the line being kept busy during the opening day with such formal greetings.

The messages will all be forwarded from the office of the cable company in the Young building, which is rapidly assuming form and being put into shape for the use to which it will be put. The laying of the underground cable is progressing rapidly and should be completed early in next week. Owing to the rains less progress was made yesterday than usual, but there will be no material loss on this account, as there is plenty of time for the getting into shape of the land cable before any demands will be made for its use.

The deep sea cable will arrive off shore perhaps a day before it is connected, owing to the custom of landing the shore end before the through line is completed. When the ship gets a short distance off shore, perhaps two or three miles, the sea line is cut off and then the ship comes and lays the shore cable, which is pulled to the beach. After it is in place, the ship steams away and picks up the end of the sea line, which has been buoyed.

The ship is in constant connection with the shore and when the two ends of the cable are ready there is a message sent saying that the connection is about to be made. Two hours are usually allowed for the making of the splice, and its cooling, and then the current is turned into the line and the final tests made before the formal messages are sent through the copper wire.

The batteries with which the cable will be operated have been placed in the office and they were used last evening in testing the underground cable so far as it has been laid. The batteries are now all in shape, even to the storage which will be used in the office work. The tests show that the underground cable is in the best shape, and that it could not be improved upon as a conductor.

The connections which are being made are somewhat behind the laying operations, but there will be temporary ones used if the ship should land its sea line before the underground has been fully connected.

Question Concerning Sabate.

The United States Postoffice Department at Washington has requested Warden Henry of Oahu Prison to forward to it information as to the date when Jean Sabate, serving a three year sentence in Oahu Prison, will be released. No reason is given by the department for the request.

PASSENGER COMING HERE HANDCUFFED

On the next through steamer for Yokohama there will be a passenger who will wear handcuffs. He is not a prisoner, however, but a man circling the globe on a wager. A dispatch dated San Jose, Nov. 29, says:

M. Bernstorff Schroeder would be an ordinary looking individual were it not for his hands. These mark the man at once as peculiar, because they are locked together by a pair of Sheriff's handcuffs. Schroeder is here in San Jose, but the key of the handcuffs is in the hands of the sporting editor of the Los Angeles Times.

Schroeder arrived from San Francisco yesterday and documents carried by him state that he is on the way around the world on a \$15,000 wager. He left Copenhagen, Denmark, on Aug. 28, 1901, and in order to win he must be back there within three years. Fifteen months are gone and he is about half way around. Schroeder's contract calls for the removal of the handcuffs at only thirty specified places on the trip. Los Angeles is one of these places and the key that will give him four days rest awaits him there. From Los Angeles Schroeder intends to go to Nagasaki, Japan, which is the next place he expects to find a key. Schroeder claims to be a musician of ability and has made an engagement to conduct the Garden Theater orchestra tonight. Under his contract he must work his way on the entire trip.

KAHAUHI TRACT FOR ARMY POST

Board Decides on Site for the Camps.

LESSEES WILL NOT MAKE LONG FIGHT

Agreement Is Expected Very Soon and Recommendation Will Be Sent on to Washington.

Negotiations for a site for the United States army post have reached such a stage that it is the confident belief of those interested that the week end mail will carry to Washington the basis of the lessees of the tract for the extinguishing of the leases. The board which has the matter in charge for the government will meet this afternoon for the purpose of considering the counter proposals of the lessees, and the decision of the majority will fix whether or not the terms are to be accepted or a fight over them result, similar to that which has marked the naval improvements.

The site selected for the post is the tract known as Kahauhi, which lies on the slopes adjacent to Moanalua, occupying the Waikiki boundary of that estate and running from the foothills back to the mountains. This tract contains 1,300 acres and is in its entirety now under lease to the Dowsett estate. That corporation, however, does not utilize it, but has it sublet, the principal sublessee being the Star Dairy Company, which uses the higher lands for grazing proper and the lower plateaus for raising of the high-class feed which makes the tract so valuable. In the lease of the principal there is an unexpired remainder of 11½ years, and the leases of the Dairy Company, as well as of the minor sublessees, many of whom are Chinese tenants of small tracts, have much shorter periods to run.

This feature of the situation has caused most of the delay in completing the negotiations. The longer lease of the Dowsett estate, it is understood, could have been arranged, but for the minor claims, and the result has been long negotiations, which now have reached such a stage that it is the belief that there can be nothing to hinder a peaceable settlement of the differences. There were meetings of the Dairy Company and of the Dowsett estate yesterday, the latter adjourning until Saturday morning, when it is the belief that the proposition will be formally submitted to the board, and by that body forwarded to Washington for the approval and ratification of the War Department. This board consists of United States District Attorney Breckons, Major E. Davis and Captain Williamson.

Upon the decision of this board depends as well the action of the second board, composed entirely of army officers, which will select the site for the barracks and other dwellings which are to be placed on the grounds as chosen, and which will constitute the post proper. This board is under the chairmanship of Major Davis, and its remaining members are: Captain G. McK. Williamson, Dr. Rich, Captain Pierce and Lieutenant Robinson. This board, taking for granted the agreement on the terms of settlement with the lessees of the tract, will meet, it is understood, next week. It has got together thus far only for the formal organization, and the work has not yet begun on the placing of the buildings.

It has been suggested that the buildings of the post will be placed on the ewa slope of the tract, facing the Moanalua estate, while the level space on the city side will furnish grounds for the post parade. It is understood that army officers who have looked over the grounds have suggested this disposition of the structures of the post. There are several excellent sites for residences on the mountain side, and it is believed that these will be utilized later by placing upon them bungalows for the officers who may be stationed at the post.